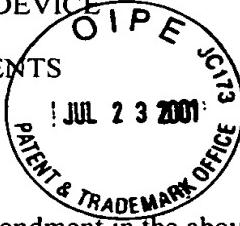


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In re Application of: Yamamoto, et al.
Serial No.: 09/600,931
Confirmation No.: Unassigned
Filed: July 21, 2000
For: DAMASCENE INTERCONNECTION AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 9, 2001, a reply to which is due August 9, 2001 with the Request for a One-Month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please approve the corrections to Figures 1-5, as shown in the marked-up copy of the same submitted herewith. A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, on a separate sheet, and an additional copy of Figures 1-5, marked in red showing the changes to Figures 1-5 are submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 with the following:

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